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SUBJECT: ARMORED CARS

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1) COMMANDER OF PRESIDENTIAL GUARD, GENERAL MARTIN, TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR LATE AFTERNOON JUNE 28 TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN SORTING OUT APPARENT NEW SNAFU IN SHIPMENT FIVE REMAINING V-150 ARMORED CARS. PER REFTEL, GABONESE HAD DECIDED SHIP VEHICLES BY SEA AND HAD ATTEMPTED MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO DO SO THROUGH SNAT, GABONESE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMPANY. SNAT WORKS THROUGH FRENCH OUTFIT WITH INITIALS SCAC WHICH APPARENTLY HAS US OFFICE. SCAC US HAS REPORTED TO SCAC PARIS THAT SUPPLIER (CADILLAC GAGE) WILL NOT RELEASE MATERIAL. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION TELEX TEXT RECEIVED BY PRESIDENTIAL GUARD FROM SCAC PARIS, QUOTE: SCAC US TELEXED TO INFORM US THAT SUPPLIER CONTACTED (BUT) REFUSES TO ENTRUST OPERATION TO SCAC US FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON, "THIS MILITARY MATERIAL CANNOT BE ENTRUSTED TO A TRANSPORTER; THE OPERATIONS ARE BEING HANDLED BY THE GOVERNMENT DIRECTLY"...END QUOTE

2) ALTHOUGH OUR IMAGINATION CAN CONJURE UP MANY POSSIBLE
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REASONS FOR ARMORED CAR SHIPMENT NOT TO BE EFFECTUATED, REQUEST DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE HEDGES OF CADILLAC-GAGE AND INFORM US HIS RESPONSE SO THAT WE CAN GIVE FULL AND STRAIGHT STORY TO GENERAL MARTIN. IF THE IMPEDIMENT IS INDEED NEED FOR GABONESE GOVERNMENT ACTION PERHAPS AMBASSADOR MAMBOUKA SHOULD ALSO BE INFORMED AND COULD LEND A HAND.TIENKEN

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